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Journal of the Society of Arts.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1862.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF 1862.

GUARANTEE.

The Council beg to announce that the Guarantee Deed is still lying at the Society's House for signature, and they will be much obliged if those gentlemen who have given in their names as Guarantors, as well as others interested in the Exhibition, will make it convenient to call there and attach their signatures to the Document. Signatures for sums amounting in the aggregate of £452,300, have been attached to the Deed.

SEASON TICKETS.

Season Tickets may be obtained at the Society's House, on application to Mr. S. T. Davenport, Financial Officer. The prices of the tickets are as follows:—£2 10s., admitting to the International Exhibition and the Gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society every day during the remainder of the season; £1 10s., admitting to the Exhibition only, every day; and 10s., admitting to the Exhibition on shilling days only.

The delivery of the Medals and Certificates of Honourable Mention to the Exhibitors cannot take place till after the close of the Exhibition, when it will be made at a public ceremony in the building, to which will be admitted the holders of all classes of season tickets (except those for shilling days), and the public on payment of £1 each.

REPORTS OF THE JURIES.

The Council of the Society of Arts have felt the importance of having some permanent and authoritative Record of the International Exhibition, and finding that Her Majesty's Commissioners have provided only for the publication of the awards of the Juries, but not of their Reports descriptive of the Progress of Industry since the Exhibition of 1851, the Council have undertaken this work, with the co-operation of Her Majesty's Commissioners and of the Juries, and have placed the matter in charge of Dr. Lyon Playfair, the Special Commissioner of the Juries.

The Reports will be published in super royal octavo, to range with the one-volume Jury Reports of 1851. The price of the volume, bound in cloth, to Members of the Society of Arts, to Jurors, and Guarantors, is fixed at 10s.; to other persons, 15s. If bound in morocco, 7s. 6d. additional in each case.

It is intended to publish the Reports during the present month.

Forms of application for copies have been issued to Members of the Society, to Jurors, and to Guarantors.

AWARDS OF MERIT.

The following circular has been issued; a copy will be furnished to any exhibitor on application to the Secretary of the Society of Arts.

Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce,
John-st., Adelphi, London, W.C., Aug. 1862.

SIR,—The Council of the Society of Arts have decided to invite the opinion of the Jurors, the Commissioners for the Colonies and for Foreign Countries, and the principal Exhibitors at the International Exhibition, on the question of Awards of Merit in connection with International Exhibitions; and I am directed by the Council of the Society of Arts to transmit to you the accompanying Queries, with a request that you will favour them with your views on the subject, it being the intention of the Council to embody the answers they may receive in a public Report:—

- 1.—Are you of opinion that Awards for Merit, by Medals or otherwise, in International Exhibitions, are desirable?
- 2.—State the reasons for your opinion.
- 3.—Ought Works of Fine Art and Designs to be excluded from the Awards?
- 4.—Can you suggest any better method than the appointment of Jurors for making the Awards?
- 5.—Can you suggest any improvement in the Constitution or proceedings of the Juries?
- 6.—Is any Appeal from the decision of Juries desirable?
- 7.—If you think Awards undesirable, can you suggest any other means by which meritorious productions may be brought to the notice of the public?
- 8.—Have you any further suggestions to offer on the subject?

It is particularly requested that any replies with which you may favour the Council may be sent not later than the 15th of September, and that they may be written on foolscap paper, on one side only, with an inch margin, and numbered corresponding to the number of the questions.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
P. LE NEVE FOSTER,
Secretary.

NOTICE TO INSTITUTIONS.

The Programme of Examinations for 1863 is now ready, and two copies have been sent to each Institution in Union and Local Board. Additional copies may be had gratis on application to the Secretary.

The Papers set at the last Examination are now published in the form of a pamphlet, which may be had of Messrs. Bell and Daldy, Fleetstreet. Price Sixpence.

Those Secretaries of Institutions who have not already forwarded to the Secretary of the Society of Arts copies of their last Annual Reports, are requested to do so.

CONVERSAZIONE.

The third Conversazione of the present season will take place at the South Kensington Museum on the 8th October.